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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Jeffery A. Brier

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 October 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 4-11, 14-22, 24-30, 34-41, 43-48, 50 and 51 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 4-11, 14-22, 24-30, 34-41, 43-48, 50, and 51 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The amendment filed on 10/17/2005 has been entered.
2. The amendments to the claims overcomes the 101, 112, and 102 rejections set forth in the last office action. The last office action should have rejected the mapping step because it does not clearly claim the location "in" the clipping region, thus, the location could be any location "in" the clipping region, which is clearly not described by applicants specification and which would not allow the mapping to correctly clip the image to the needed dimensions.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
4. Claims 1, 4-11, 14-22, 24-30, 34-41, 43-48, 50, and 51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Figures 6A-7 and page 18 line 4 to page 20 line 21 describes mapping a nearest pixel to a corner of the clipping region. Claims 1, 11, 21, and 34 broadly claim determining a nearest pixel in the image data to a location "in" the clipping region. The location "in" the clipping region is unclear. With reference to figures 6A-7 it is clear the location is not actually "in" the clipping region, but rather the location is at the corners of the clipping region. These claims are too broad that even when read in light of the

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specification the claims do not clearly claim the mapping and its result. The claims need to better claim determining the image pixel that is nearest to each of the corners of the clipping region in order to define the portion of the image to be transmitted from the server to the client. Even dependent claims 5, 15, and 25 do not clearly claim determining the image pixel that is nearest to each of the corners of the clipping region in order to define the portion of the image to be transmitted from the server to the client. Claims 21 and 34 broadly claim mapping as discussed above and they further do not claim the result of the mapping. Thus, they lack essential steps of correlating the mapping steps and transmitting clipped image data over the network steps.

Allowable Subject Matter

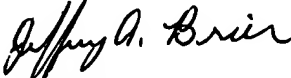
5. Claims 1, 4-11, 14-22, 24-30, 34-41, 43-48, 50, and 51 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action. The prior art of record fails to teach or suggest that which is described with regards to figures 6A-7 and page 18 line 4 to page 20 line 21 in order to define the portion of the image to be transmitted from the server to the client.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffery A Brier whose telephone number is (571) 272-7656. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 7:00 to 3:30. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael

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Razavi, can be reached at (571) 272-7664. The fax phone Number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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